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C O N F I D E N T I A L TANANARIVE 1794

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SUBJ: AUSTRAL TREATY ORGANIZATION?

1. IN DEC 19 MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENT TO NEW CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY, MALAGASY FOREIGN MINISTER RATSIRAKA MENTIONED UNITED STATES AND AUSTRALIA HAVE INTENTION OF JOINING WITH RSA INTO "AUSTRAL DEFENSE PACT" SIMILAR TO NATO AND SEATO TO PROTECT THEIR URANIUM RESOURCES. DESPITE MADAGASCAR'S GEO-POLITICAL POSITION AND FUTURE REPLACEMENT OF OIL BY URANIUM, MADAGASCAR SHOULD STAY CLEAR OF SUCH PACT AND JOIN ONLY WITH POOR NATIONS OF WORLD IN BLOC AGAINST RICH, INDUSTRIALIZED ONES, HE INDICATED.

2. EMBASSY KNOWS OF NO SERIOUS U.S. CONSIDERATION HAVING EVER BEEN GIVEN TO SUCH PACT AND CAN ONLY ASSUME NONE IS BEING GIVEN NOW. IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, THAT EMBASSY OR USIS WILL RECEIVE PRESS INQUIRY IN VIEW MINISTER'S STATEMENT. IN ANY EVENT, WOULD LIKE TO GIVE FACTS TO AT LEAST FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR BILATERAL RELATIONS WHO CLOSE TO RATSIRAKA AND WITH WHOM EMBASSY HAS VERY CORDIAL RELATIONS. EMBASSY HAS CONSISTENTLY TAKEN POSITION IT POINTLESS TO ENTER INTO DIALOGUE WITH SCURRILOUS PRESS OVER WILD ACCUSATIONS AGAINST U.S. ACTS AND INTENTIONS. HOWEVER, FOREIGN MINISTER SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED BELIEVE GROUNDLESS PUBLIC STATEMENTS, DETRIMENTAL TO US-AFRICAN
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RELATIONS, CAN GO TOTALLY UNCHALLENGED.

3. PLEASE ADVISE.
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